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In re application of:

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STATION AT READINESS

Art Unit: [to be assigned]

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to taking up this new patent application for action on the merits, please
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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly add the following paragraph to the specification.

At page 1, after the Title, insert:

This application is a continuation of, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to, International Application PCT/IB02/01117, filed 5 April 2002, which designated the U.S. and was published in German as WO 02/081870 on 17 October 2002. This application also claims priority to: German application number 101 17 101.3, filed 6 April 2001; German application number 101 17 102.1, filed 6 April 2001; and Swiss application number 2001 0759/01, filed 25 April 2001.